

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Public Servants - Revenue Department – Village Revenue Officers - Karimnagar District – Sri P.Purushotham Rao, formerly Village Revenue Officer, Bornapalli Village, Huzurabad Mandal (now retired) – Certain allegation in issuing Pattadar Pass Book with forged signature of Ex-Tahsildar, Huzurabad - Disciplinary action initiated – Charge proved – Punishment of withholding of entire gratuity permanently - Imposed – Orders – Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No. 914**

**Dated:13-06-2012.**

Read the following:

1. From the C.C.L.A., Letter No.VS.II(4)/118/2010, Dt.22-02-2010 together with the Letter No.A3/5961/2009, Dt.03-02-2010 of the District Collector, Karimnagar.
2. Govt.Memo.No.9424/Vig.VII(2)/2010-1, Dt.07-04-2010.
3. From the District Collector, Karimnagar, Letter No.A3/5961/2009, Dt.19-02-2011 together with the report of the E.O. & R.D.O., Karimnagar, No.A/6961/2010, Dt.11-01-2011.
4. Govt.Memo.No.9424/Vig.VII(2)/2010-2, Dt.07-04-2011.
5. Representation Dt.04-07-2011 of Sri P.Purushotham Rao, formerly V.R.O. (now retired) received through the District Collector, Karimnagar, Letter No.A3/5961/2009, Dt.20-07-2011.
6. Govt.Memo.No.9424/Vig.VII(2)/2010-5, Dt.15-02-2012.
7. From the A.P.P.S.C., Letter No.452/RT/1/2012, Dated:12-04-2012.

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It has been brought to the notice of the Government that Sri P.Purushotham Rao, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Bornapalli Village and in-charge of Thummanapalli & Singapur Villages, Huzurabad Mandal has issued Pattadar Pass Book to Sri K.Komaraiah, R/o.Singapur Village with forged signature of Sri P.Kesava Reddy, Ex-Tahsildar, Huzurabad and also used the non-official Tahsildar Stamp in English which did not pertain to Tahsildar's Office. On the said irregularity and based on the report of the Tahsildar, Huzurabad, the District Collector, Karimnagar has placed Sri P.Purushotham Rao, Village Revenue Officer, under suspension vide his Proceedings No.A3/5961/2009, Dt.20-10-2009 and also initiated disciplinary action by framing two charges against him vide his Proceedings Dt.24-11-2009. The charged officer has submitted his written statement of defence on 11-12-2009 wherein he has stated in respect of Charge-1 that the said Pattadar Pass Book might have been issued in his absence, and the same was not in his knowledge and also stated that he was not concerned with regard to Charge-2 and therefore requested to drop further action against him. Further, he has retired from service on 31-12-2009. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, while furnishing the proposals, has requested the Government to take necessary action against him under Rule-9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above.

2. Accordingly, after examining the matter keeping in view the charges and explanation of the charged officer, Government have appointed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Karimnagar as Enquiry Officer and the Mandal Revenue Officer, Huzurabad as Presenting Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri P.Purushotham Rao, formerly Village Revenue Officer (now retired) vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above.

3. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above the District Collector, Karimnagar has submitted the Report of the Enquiry Officer & Revenue Divisional Officer, Karimnagar. In the enquiry report, the Enquiry Officer has found that the charges leveled against the Delinquent Officer/Charged Officer Sri P. Purushotham Rao, formerly Village Revenue Officer (now retired) were held proved.

4. In the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, a copy of the enquiry report was communicated to the Charged Officer to offer his representation on the findings of the enquiry Officer.

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5. In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the charged officer Sri P.Purushotham Rao, formerly V.R.O. (now retired) has submitted his explanation through the District Collector, Karimnagar wherein he has stated that it is not possible for anyone to issue Pattadar Pass Books without the knowledge of the Tahsildar, as the Tahsildar is the sole custodian of the Pattadar Pass Books and that not even a single Pattadar Pass Book could be issued without his permission. Further, while reiterating his earlier explanation Dt.04-07-2011, he has submitted before the Government on the findings of the Enquiry Officer, stating that his explanation reveals that he was unnecessarily involved in this episode making him a scape-goat. He has further stated that he retired from service on 31-12-2009 and his pensionary benefits are held up due to pendency of the disciplinary case and he is facing financial problems as his children are still dependent on him. He has also stated that he is suffering from a chronic ailment and need regular medicine which is expensive and he has no other source of income except his pensionary benefits. Hence, he has requested to consider his representation sympathetically on humanitarian grounds and to drop further action and release his pensionary benefits. The matter was examined in detail keeping in view the findings of the Enquiry Officer and the explanation of the charged officer Sri P.Purushotham Rao, formerly Village Revenue Officer (now retired). The contents mentioned by Charged Officer Sri P.Purushotham Rao, formerly Village Revenue Officer (now retired) in his representation Dt.04-07-2011 are not convincing. There are no new grounds put-forth by him and reiterated the contents what he has stated in his earlier explanation. It is found from the records of enquiry that blank Pattadar Pass Books were received by the Delinquent Officer from the Tahsildar's Office on 06-10-2007. Pattadar Pass Book No.374746 was issued to Sri K.Komuraiah under the forged signature and office seal of the Tahsildar. Since the Delinquent Officer was the custodian of the said Pattadar Pass Book he is responsible for its manipulation and forgery, directly or indirectly.

6. Hence, the Government after careful examination of the entire issue with reference to the Enquiry Officer's report and keeping in view the representation of the Charged Officer received through the references 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> cited, and in consultation with the A.P.Public Service Commission, decided to impose the punishment of withholding of entire gratuity permanently on Sri P.Purushotham Rao, formerly Village Revenue Officer, who retired from service on 31-12-2009, under Rule-9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the punishment of withholding of entire gratuity permanently on the charged officer Sri P. Purushotham Rao, formerly Village Revenue Officer, Bornapalli Village, Huzurabad Mandal, who retired from service on 31-12-2009, under Rule-9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / the Collector, Karimnagar District shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
Sri P.Purushotham Rao, formerly Village Revenue Officer, Bornapalli Village,  
Huzurabad Mandal (now retired from service)

**through** the District Collector, Karimnagar.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.  
The District Collector, Karimnagar. (He is requested to serve the copy to the  
individual and submit the served copy to the Government for record).

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